A1775-2

Monthly Gas Utility Statistical Report

American Gas Association

Department of Statistics

American Gas Association
1515 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Virginia 22209
Telephone 703-841-8503

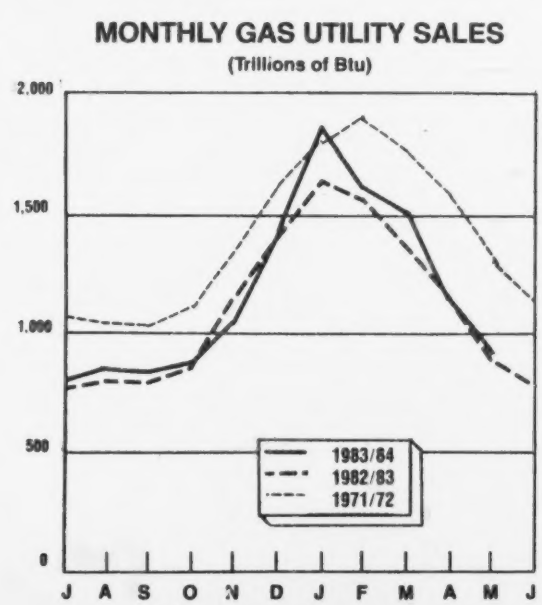
May 1984

Residential and commercial sales declined while industrial sales showed an increase in May of 1984 compared to last year. Residential sales decreased 2.3 percent, commercial sales decreased 1.5 percent, and industrial sales increased 8.9 percent. Total sales were up 3.9 percent from 904.2 trillion Btu in May 1983 to 939.1 trillion Btu in May 1984.

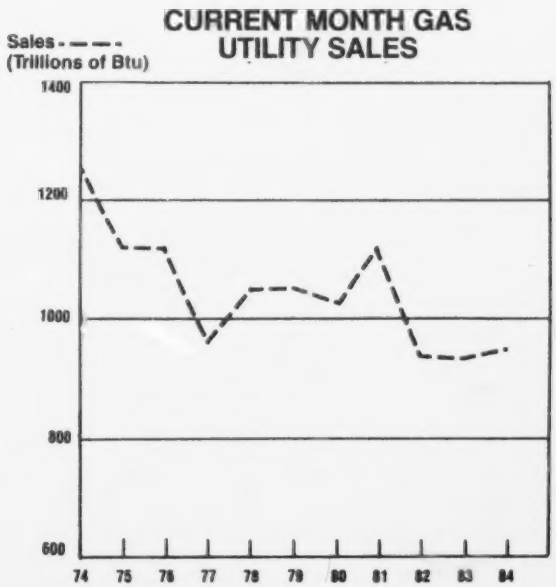
GAS UTILITY SALES TO ULTIMATE CONSUMERS
(Trillions of Btu)

	May			Year to Date (% Change)		January 1 to December 31		
	1984	1983	% Change[2]	1984	Last Period	1984 Forecast[1]	1983P	% Change
Residential	271.9	278.3	- 2.3	2,925.3	+ 8.8	4,728.0	4,479.5	+ 5.5
Commercial	141.1	143.2	- 1.5	1,399.8	+ 8.1	2,437.0	2,319.2	+ 5.1
Industrial	515.4	473.3	+ 8.9	2,693.1	+ 7.7	6,326.1	6,134.4	+ 3.1
Other	10.7	9.4	-	80.2	-	159.5	149.1	-
Total	939.1	904.2	+ 3.9	7,098.4	+ 8.2	13,650.6	13,082.2	+ 4.3

Gas sales are based on a sample of 69 companies whose sales constitute about 65 percent of the total gas utility sales to ultimate consumers.
PPreliminary data based on A.G.A. sample.



The peak year in sales for the Gas Utility Industry occurred in 1972.



RESIDENTIAL APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS - MAY
(Thousands of Units)

	1984	1983	% Change '83 vs '84
Domestic Range			
Gas	134.3	129.4	+ 3.8
Electric	262.5	251.6	+ 4.3
Clothes Dryers			
Gas	60.7	57.2	+ 6.1
Electric	228.6	224.8	+ 1.7
Warm Air Furnaces			
Gas	118.4	101.0	+ 17.2
Electric	32.5	30.9	+ 5.3
Oil	5.3	6.5	- 18.8
Boilers			
Gas	10.4	7.0	+ 48.3
Electric	0.1	0.1	- 2.8
Oil	4.5	4.4	+ 0.7

Sources: Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS - MAY

	1984	1983	% Change '83 vs '84
Total Actual Private Housing Starts (Thous. of units)	179.8	174.9	+ 2.8
Consumer Price Index (All urban, unadjusted, 1967 = 100)			
Gas (utility pipe gas)	591.7	593.9	- 0.4
Electricity	343.0	324.7	+ 5.6
Fuel Oil	659.9	629.6	+ 4.8

SOURCES: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Index Total Gas Sales (1972 = 100)	72.7	70.0	+ 3.9
Gas Utility Prices ($/MMBtu)			
Residential	6.21	6.19	+ 0.3
Commercial	5.53	5.57	- 0.7
Industrial	4.00	4.13	- 3.1
Total	4.88	5.00	- 2.4

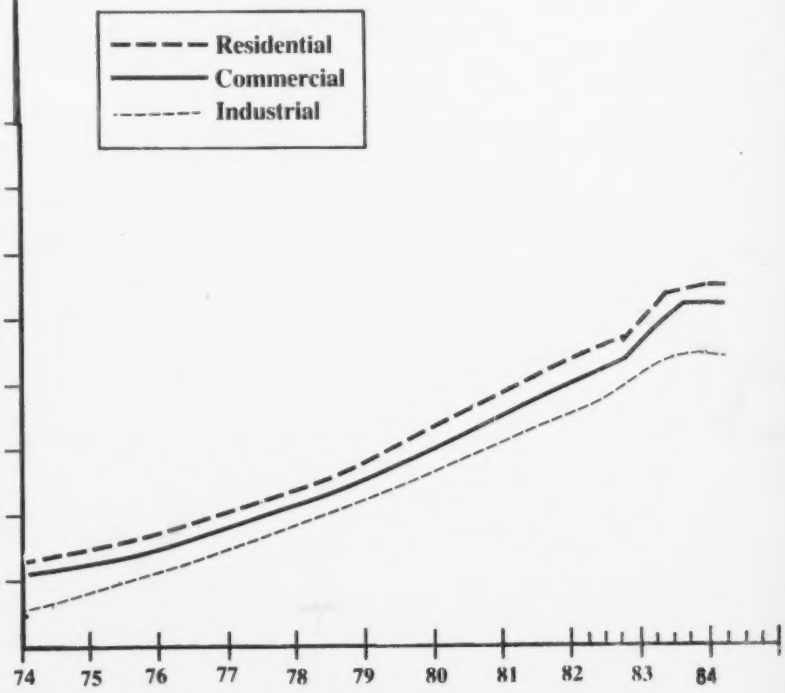
Source: A.G.A.

AVERAGE ANNUAL GAS UTILITY PRICES
($/MMBtu)

Year	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind.	Oth.
1974	0.95	1.42	1.11	0.66	0.60
1975	1.29	1.69	1.38	0.99	0.94
1976	1.60	1.98	1.68	1.31	1.36
1977	1.97	2.33	2.07	1.69	1.74
1978	2.18	2.53	2.28	1.90	1.79
1979	2.52	2.92	2.66	2.23	1.94
1980	3.13	3.61	3.34	2.79	2.64
1981	3.65	4.16	3.91	3.29	3.46
1982	4.44	4.97	4.72	3.97	4.30
1983[P]	5.06	5.82	5.41	4.32	4.83
1984 1st Qtr.	5.22	5.63	5.44	4.41	4.89

[P]Preliminary

AVERAGE GAS UTILITY PRICES
($/MMBtu)



Editor - Tina Murphy (703/841-8503)

[1]1984 forecasts for the residential and commercial sectors are based on available 1984 monthly data. The remaining months are derived by using a four year average.

The industrial sector forecast is also based on available 1984 monthly data. The remaining months of 1984 are heavily weighted by last years sales with no adjustment made for degree days.

[2]The percent change is a function of the 69 sample companies.